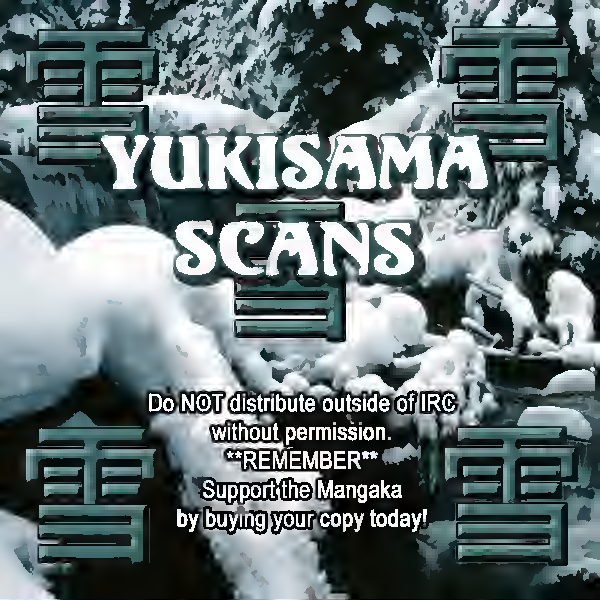
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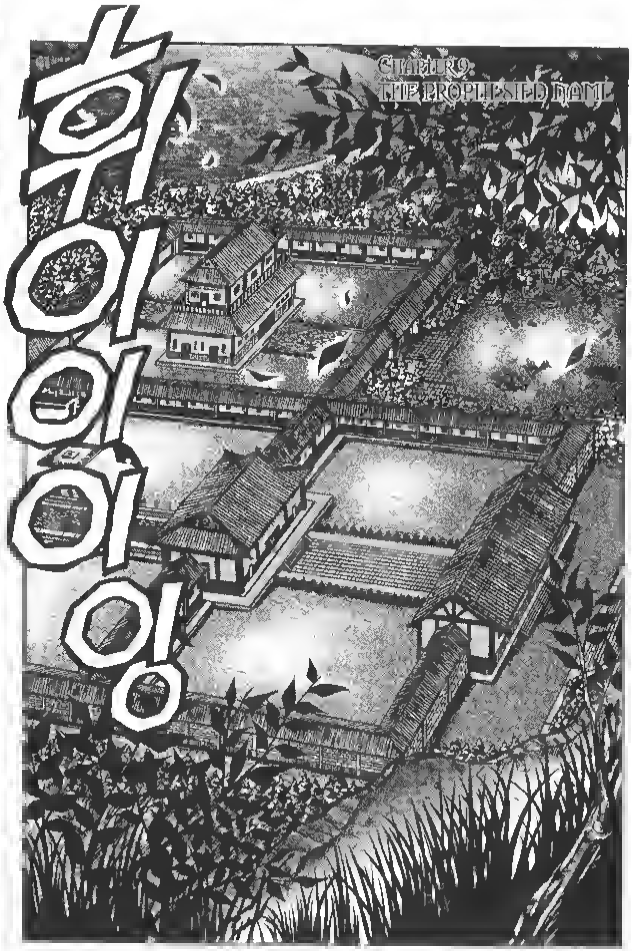
For three hundred years the vampire Deshwitat lay dormant cast into a spiritual limbo by Kaluhika – the murderer of his beloved Lilith. In a bizarre twist of fate Deshwitat has been resurrected by a band of paranormal investigators and now his thirst for blood is equaled only by his thirst for vengeance. In an uneasy alliance, the vampire, a heretical priestess and the daughter of one of Deshwitat's victims travel to the Orient in search of instruction in the magic of light. But in a remote Buddhist temple, Deshwitat gets more than he bargained for when the sect's leader makes an earth-shattering announcement concerning the vampire, and the fate of the world.



CHAPTER 9:
THE PROPHESIED NAME

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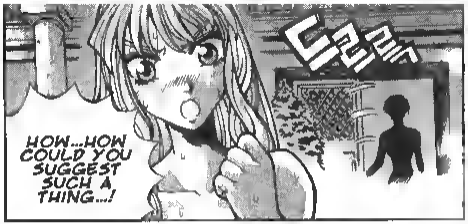
HE IS VITAL...
...TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE WORLD!
SHE SAYS!
JEEZ, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! WE HAD THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO KILL HIM AND WE LOST IT!!
HOW CAN THAT SOULLESS BLOODSUCKER BE INTEGRAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE WORLD?!

WELL, THAT OLD WOMAN THEY CALLED "MASTER TAE" SHE SEEMED LIKE A REALLY GOOD PERSON, AND SHE TREATED US WITH RESPECT.
THE FACT THAT SOMEONE WITH HER ABILITIES HAS KNOWLEDGE OF--

WHAT? ARE YOU SAYING THAT HE REALLY MIGHT BE SOME KIND OF SAVIOR, SO I SHOULD JUST OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT HE KILLED MY DAD?
NO, I MEAN NOT EXACTLY BUT..
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING AWFULLY FUNNY, MILLENEAR
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE FALLEN FOR MR TALL-DARK-AND-SPOOKY DESHWITAT?!


HOW...HOW COULD YOU SUGGEST SUCH A THING...!

HUH?

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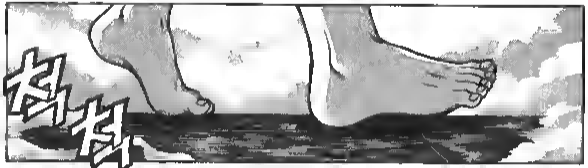

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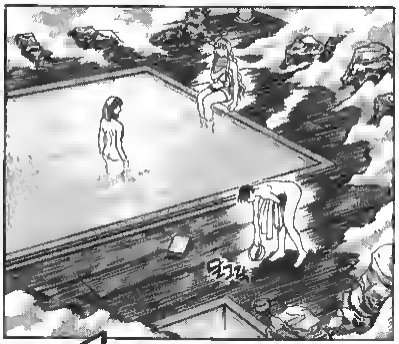

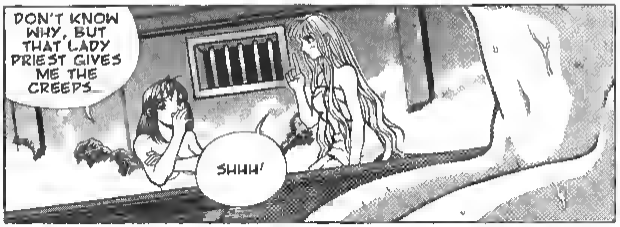
DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT THAT LADY PRIEST GIVES ME THE CREEPS...
SHHH!

UM... YOUR NAME IS BERYUN... ISN'T IT?
I REALIZE THIS ISN'T THE BEST PLACE FOR INTRODUCTIONS, BUT... MY NAME IS MILLENEAR
.....

OH MY—
THOSE WOUNDS THAT DESHNITAT GAVE YOU LOOK AWFUL.. ARE YOU OKAY?
AHH!!

DON'T TOUCH ME.
EVER.

UH...OKAY... I...I'M SORRY.

HOW RUDE! YOU WERE ONLY SHOWING CONCERN
IT'S ALL RIGHT, REMI IT WAS MY FAULT I WAS A LITTLE TOO FORWARD.
EVEN SO...
HUH?
WHO IS IT THIS TIME?
AAAAAH!!
EEEK! WHA- WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MR. BREASTMASTER?! WHY ARE YOU IN HERE?!
HEHEHEH.. WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHY"? THE TEMPLE DOESN'T HAVE SEPARATE BATHTUBS FOR MEN AND WOMEN
IN OTHER WORDS THE BATHTUBS IN THE YOUNG SUNG TEMPLE ARE "UNISEX." PERSONALLY, I THINK IT'S THIS LONELY TEMPLE'S BEST FEATURE!
I'M JUST HERE TO TAKE A BATH.
GET OUT!! IF YOU'RE ONLY HERE TO TAKE A BATH, WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT STUPID LOOK ON YOUR FACE?!
BWAH AHAH AHA!
AAAAHK!!

OWW, THAT HURT!!
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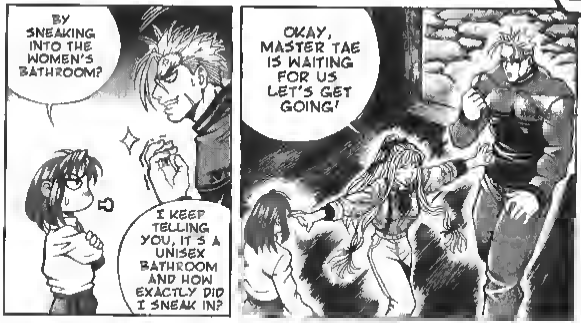
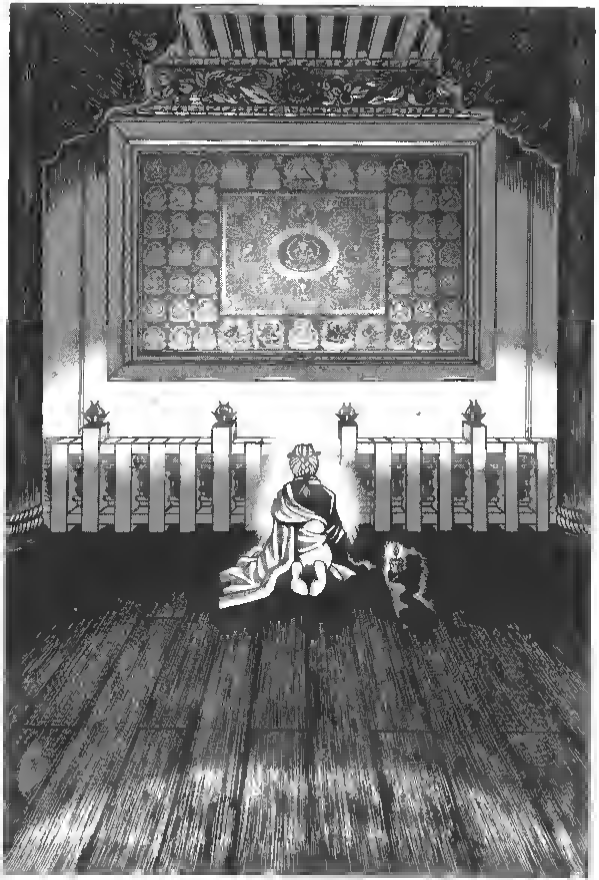
DAMMIT WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D BE CRUEL ENOUGH TO POKE ME IN THE EYE?!
CRUEL? THAT WAS MERELY THE QUICKEST WAY TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION, MR. BREAST-MASTER

YOU KNOW, FOR SOMEONE WHO'S MORE THAN 350 YEARS OLD, YOU'RE MAKING A LOT OF FUSS OVER A LITTLE POKE IN THE EYE...
AGE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY RESILIENCE TO EYE-POKING, YOUNG MISS
THROUGH THE CENTURIES I'VE COUNTED ON MY EYES TO HELP ME APPRECIATE ALL THE PRETTY LADIES!

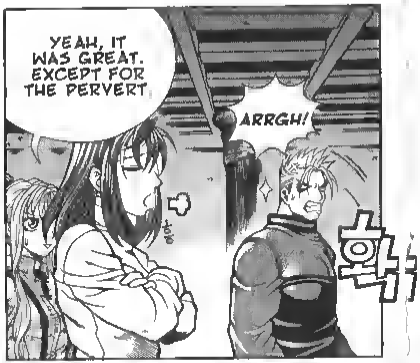

BY SNEAKING INTO THE WOMEN'S BATHROOM?
I KEEP TELLING YOU, IT'S A UNISEX BATHROOM AND HOW EXACTLY DID I SNEAK IN?
OKAY, MASTER TAE IS WAITING FOR US LET'S GET GOING!

PERVERT. OLD FART. BREAST FETISHIST
FLAT-CHESTED, SNOTTY-NOSED SHORTY
STINKY FISH, SCOUNDREL. MUTT.
STOP IT!!

WE'RE HERE...



WELCOME, EVERYONE. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
I HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR MONASTERY'S HOT SPRING.


YEAH, IT WAS GREAT. EXCEPT FOR THE PERVERT.
ARRGH!
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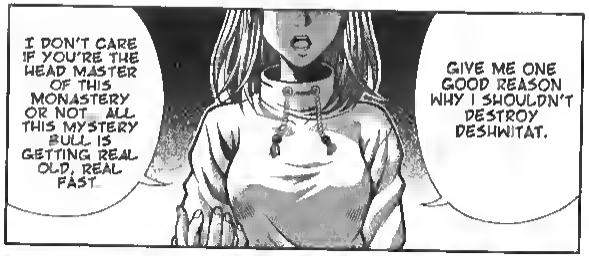
HOHOHO HO...!
SO RETT HAS BEEN USING THE BATHHOUSE AGAIN.

THAT'S ALL FINE AND GOOD—
BUT WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS, WHEN ARE WE GONNA TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANT STUFF?


I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE THE HEAD MASTER OF THIS MONASTERY OR NOT. ALL THIS MYSTERY BULL IS GETTING REAL OLD, REAL FAST.
GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T DESTROY DESHWITAT.

COME NOW. THERE'S NO HURRY. WHY DON'T YOU JUST SIT DOWN—

STOP IT!!!
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I'M GOING OUT OF MY MIND! IT'S BEEN LESS THAN A WEEK SINCE THAT 357-YEAR-OLD VAMPIRE CAME INTO MY LIFE AND MURDERED MY FATHER!
THEN HE RAMBLES ON ABOUT SOME POWER OF LIGHT. I GET DRAGGED TO HONG KONG AND FIND OUT HE'S SOME SEED OF THE GREAT SPIRIT!
ON TOP OF ALL THIS I MEET A PRIESTESS WHO'S NOT HUMAN, AND ANOTHER GUY WHO'S BEEN ALIVE FOR OVER 350 YEARS!
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT'S REALLY PUSHING ME OVER THE EDGE?
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THE FACT THAT MY DAD WOULD COME BACK TO LIFE, IF THAT JERK DESHWITAT, DIED...
AND I HAD THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY, BUT YOU STOPPED ME, YOU OLD HAG!! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?!
IT WAS MY CHANCE...
MY DAD WOULD BE ALIVE..

HU... HU...
REMI...
I've been so thoughtless. She puts up a tough front but I should have remembered that she's only a 17 year old girl.
I thought I was doing what was best for her, but perhaps I was a bit short-sighted...
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ALL RIGHT, REMI...
...PLEASE CALM DOWN I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING.
FIRST, LET ME EXPLAIN WHAT WE, THE NAGAMIL, DO HERE AT THE YOUNG SUNG TEMPLE
USING THE TOME OF THE DUAL FORCES OF THE FIVE ELEMENTS, WE ARE ABLE TO LOOK INTO THE FUTURE. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SEE EXACT DETAILS, BUT WE DO SEE ENOUGH OF THE FUTURE TO KNOW WHAT IT WILL HOLD.
USING THE PREDICTIONS WE GATHER WITH THE BOOK, WE GUARD AGAINST ENTITIES THAT MAY THREATEN THE WELL-BEING OF THE WORLD

WHETHER THESE ENTITIES ARE BORN FROM LIGHT,
. OR FROM DARKNESS
THERE ARE MANY TWEMASAS, DAMASAS AND MYEURMASAS WHO CARRY OUT OUR ORDERS
RETT AND BERYUN ARE PART OF THE MYEURMASAS, THE HIGHEST OF THE THREE ORDERS
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WAIT A MINUTE. THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS ASKING ABOUT!
PATIENCE I'M GETTING TO IT

IN SIMPLE TERMS... DESHWITAT IS DESTINED TO ALTER THE FATE OF THE WORLD
HE IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE "SEED FROM THE LINE OF THE GREAT SPIRIT."

WHAT?!
THEN... THEN...?

BUT...WAIT A MINUTE! WHY ARE YOU LETTING THAT JERK, DESHWITAT, LIVE?!
YOU SAID THAT YOUR MONASTERY ELIMINATES THOSE KINDS OF MONSTERS!

YOU'RE CORRECT. UNDER THE DOCTRINE OF THE NAGAMIL, DESHWITAT SHOULD BE DESTROYED AND WE ARE QUITE POSITIVE THAT HE WILL ALTER THE FATE OF THE WORLD
A CREATURE WHO WILL BRING THAT MUCH CONFUSION INTO THE WORLD SHOULD BE DESTROYED AT ALL COSTS, EVEN AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR ENTIRE SECT.
HOWEVER, WHAT IF...
THEN WHY?!

...THE DESTINY THAT AWAITS US AT THE END OF THIS WORLD IS ONLY...
一切如来毘首羯磨

...OBLIVION?

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IF THAT WERE TRUE, THEN SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE LAWS OF OUR NAGAMIL SECT
...AND ERADICATE DESHWITAT?

THEN...YOU'RE SAYING THAT THIS WORLD IS DESTINED TO END WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL MANKIND.
...AND DESHWITAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US ESCAPE THAT FATE...BY BRINGING CHAOS TO THE FUTURE?
IT APPEARS SO..
NO...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW CAN A VAMPIRE SAVE US?!
REM, MILLENEAR, HAVE EITHER OF YOU EVER READ THE PREDICTIONS OF NOSTRADAMUS?

SOME OF THEM, YES...
HE FORETOLD THE COMING OF THE THREE CHAOS BRINGERS TWO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS NAPOLEON AND HITLER, ALTHOUGH THEIR NAMES WERE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT IN NOSTRADAMUS' PREDICTION...
BUT THE THIRD PERSON, FORETOLD TO LEAD THIS WORLD INTO ANNIHILATION AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY HIS NAME WAS HIS NAME WAS...
WHAT WAS IT? MA IT WAS "MA" SOMETHING...
MA MABA ? MASAROO ? MABOO ?
IT WAS MABUS M-A-B-U-S I READ ABOUT HIM IN DAD'S BOOK
MABUS! THAT'S RIGHT!
SO WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'RE BOTH AWARE OF THIS THIRD PREDICTION
NOW, LET ME ASK YOU THIS HAS DESHWITAT EVER SAID THE NAME OF THE MAN WHOM HE WISHES TO DESTROY?

"KAL"...
I'M ALMOST POSITIVE HE SAID HIS NAME WAS "KAL."
HUH? BUT IT'S NOWHERE NEAR THE SAME NAME! WE HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
.....
RETT, 357 YEARS AGO YOU WERE FRIENDS WITH DESHWITAT AND THIS MAN NAMED KAL, WERE YOU NOT?
.....
"KAL" IS NOT HIS REAL NAME, IS IT?
COULD YOU TELL US HIS REAL NAME?

"KAL" WAS JUST HIS NICKNAME...
...SHORT FOR "KALUTIKA." HIS LAST NAME, WAS...

...MAYBUS.
"KALUTIKA MAYBUS II." THAT WAS HIS FULL NAME.
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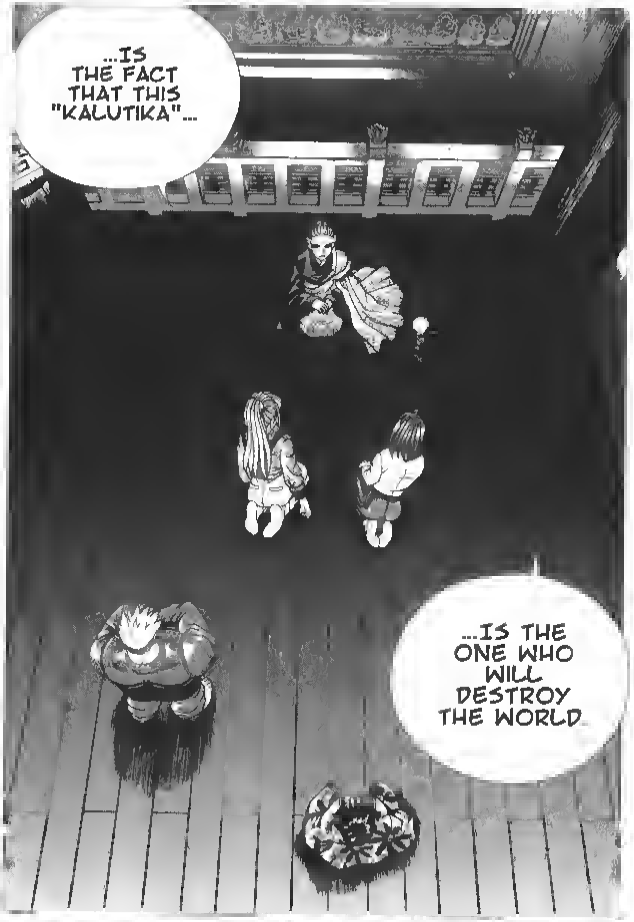
MAY_BUS? MAYBUS?!
THAT'S PRETTY CLOSE TO "MABUS"!!

NAPOLEON AND HITLER WERE ALSO PREDICTED WITH NAMES QUITE CLOSE TO THE ORIGINAL!

I USED NOSTRADAMUS AS AN EXAMPLE IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO YOU YOU SEE..
EVEN OUR BOOK OF SECRETS, WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS MENTIONS HIS NAME. HOWEVER, THE NAME IS NOT IMPORTANT, WHAT IS IMPORTANT...


...IS THE FACT THAT THIS "KALUTIKA"...
...IS THE ONE WHO WILL DESTROY THE WORLD.

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WAIT A MINUTE, REM!
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BUT... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
JUST BECAUSE SOME STUPID BOOK OF PREDICTIONS MENTIONS A NAME KINDA LIKE THAT GUY'S/ HE LIVED LIKE 350 YEARS AGO/ THERE'S NO WAY HE'S STILL ALIVE!!
THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE LOOK BEHIND YOU.
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REMEMBER ME, LITTLE GIRL?
I'M ALMOST 400 YEARS OLD.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT MAN DOES NOT UNDERSTAND MORE MYSTERIES THAN THERE ARE STARS IN THE HEAVENS

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THAT PIG IS ALIVE AND KICKING SOMEWHERE I SAW HIM FLY INTO THE SKY AND DISAPPEAR RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES
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JUST LIKE THAT.

AND HE..
..HE'S THE ONE WHO MADE ME LIKE THIS. THE ONE WHO WON'T LET ME DIE IN PEACE

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AND NOW THOSE UNPLEASANT MEMORIES HAVE RUINED MY GOOD MOOD.
I'M OFF TO BED NIGHT-NIGHT EVERYBODY.

RETT...

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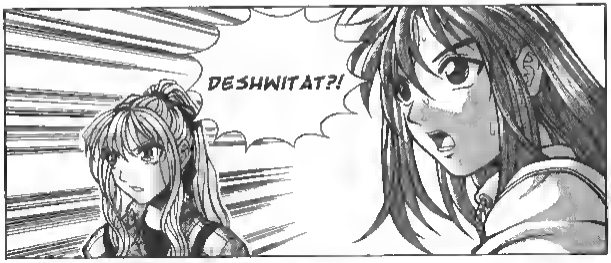
HUH?!

DESHWITAT!!


DESHWITAT?!

I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN LISTENING. PLEASE COME IN, DESHWITAT.

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I'VE HEARD SOME THINGS TONIGHT THAT HAVE LEFT AN AWFULLY BAD TASTE IN MY MOUTH.
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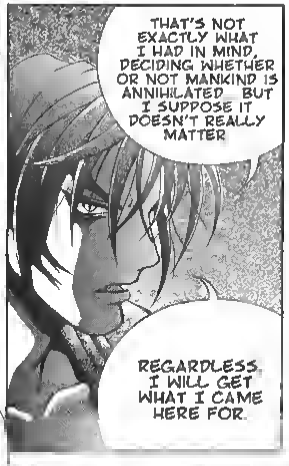
YOU'RE SAYING THAT IF I GET RID OF KAL, I WILL ALSO, INADVERTENTLY, BE SAVING MANKIND. IS THAT RIGHT?


THAT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND, DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT MANKIND IS ANNIHILATED... BUT I SUPPOSE IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
REGARDLESS, I WILL GET WHAT I CAME HERE FOR.

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AS I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW, I CAME HERE TO LEARN THE POWER OF LIGHT, NOT TO LISTEN TO YOUR RAMBLINGS

SO TELL ME OLD WOMAN... HOW DO I LEARN THE POWER OF LIGHT?!

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FINDING THE POWER OF LIGHT

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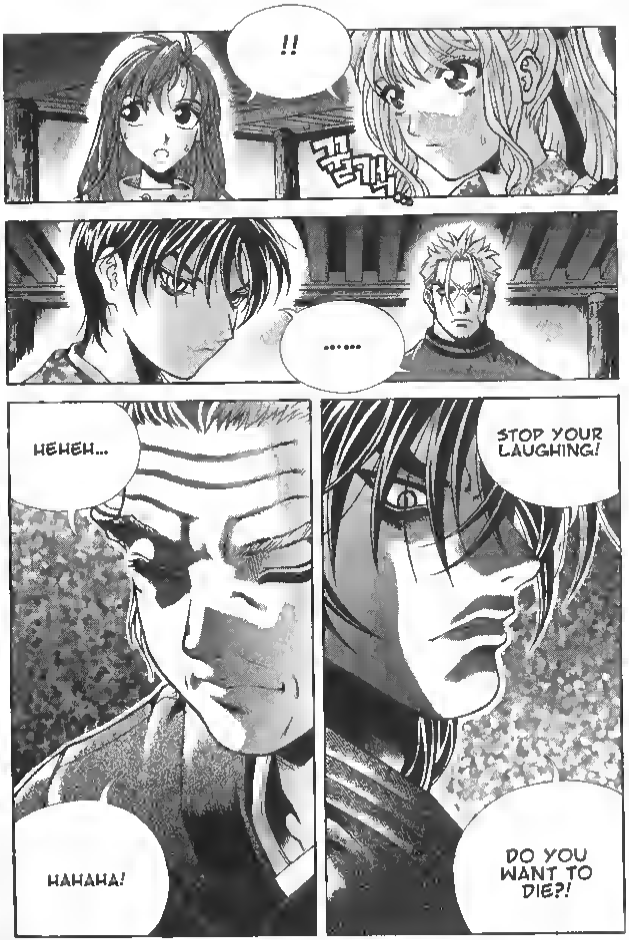
...HOW DO I LEARN THE POWER OF LIGHT?!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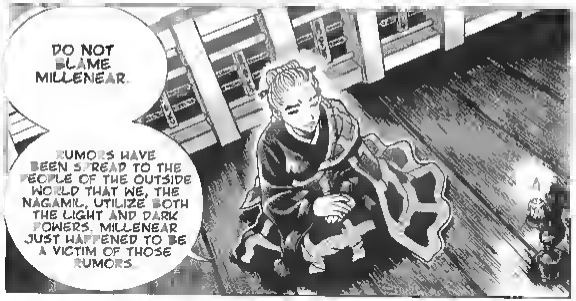
HEHEH...
HAHAHA!
STOP YOUR LAUGHING!
DO YOU WANT TO DIE?!

THE POWER OF LIGHT.. YOU WISH TO COMBINE THE POWER OF LIGHT WITH THE POWER OF DARKNESS, IS THAT RIGHT?
LET ME MAKE MYSELF PERFECTLY CLEAR...
IT CAN NOT BE DONE!
YOUR PLAN IS NOTHING MORE THAN WISHFUL THINKING!!

WHAT?!


DO NOT BLAME MILLENEAR.
RUMORS HAVE BEEN SPREAD TO THE PEOPLE OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD THAT WE, THE NAGAMI, UTILIZE BOTH THE LIGHT AND DARK POWERS. MILLENEAR JUST HAPPENED TO BE A VICTIM OF THOSE RUMORS.

THE TRUTH IS, THERE IS ONLY ONE AMONG US, WHO WIELDS BOTH.
SHE'S THE ONE STANDING BEHIND YOU. BERYUN WIELDS BOTH THE POWERS OF LIGHT AND DARK.

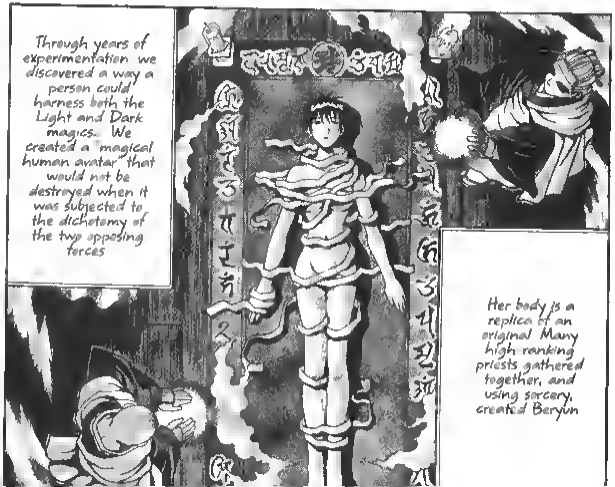
BUT, AS YOU KNOW, BERYUN IS NOT HUMAN.
SHE IS...

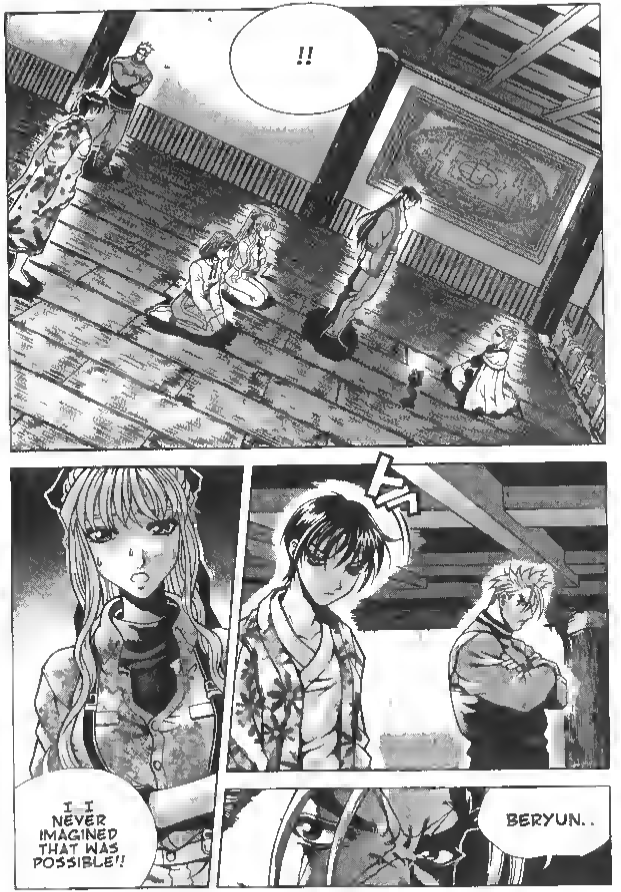
..A MAGICAL ENTITY CREATED WITH OUR SORCERY..
SIMPLY PUT, SHE IS AN "ARTIFICIAL HUMAN."

HUH... HUH?!
PRIEST BERYUN... IS AN ARTIFICIAL HUMAN?!

.....
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

THE COMMINGLING OF THE POWERS OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS INTO ONE BEING..
IT'S A SUBJECT THAT WE, THE NAGAMI-S, HAD PONDERED FOR YEARS


Through years of experimentation we discovered a way a person could harness both the Light and Dark magics.. We created a "magical human avatar" that would not be destroyed when it was subjected to the dichotomy of the two opposing forces
Her body is a replica of an original. Many high-ranking priests gathered together, and using sorcery, created Beryun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I I NEVER IMAGINED THAT WAS POSSIBLE!!
BERYUN..

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ALL RAMBLING ABOUT, BUT
WHETHER THAT WORTHLESS PRIESTESS OVER THERE IS HUMAN OR AN ALIEN OR WHATEVER, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME I ONLY NEED ONE THING..
A CLEAN AND SIMPLE SOLUTION!!
THAT AND NOTHING ELSE SO GET TO THE POINT, AND DON'T MUDDLE THE SUBJECT WITH YOUR FOOLISH RANTINGS
HAHAHA
IF YOU WISH TO LEARN A NEW SKILL.. THE QUICKEST WAY OF MASTERING IT IS TO GO TO THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THAT SKILL
TO LEARN KUNG FU YOU WOULD GO TO CHINA FOR TAE KWON DO YOU WOULD GO TO KOREA FOR KARATE, JAPAN SO WHERE IS THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THE POWER OF LIGHT?

HUH? THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THE "POWER OF LIGHT"? I GUESS THAT WOULD BE WHERE MILLENEAR...
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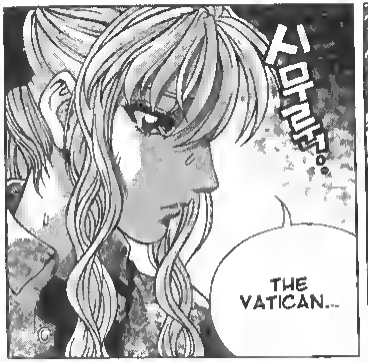
CORRECT
MILLENEAR'S PEOPLE, THE VATICAN, THE LAND OF LIGHT THAT IS WHERE YOU MUST GO.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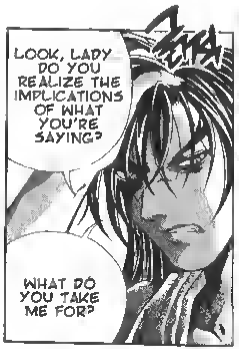
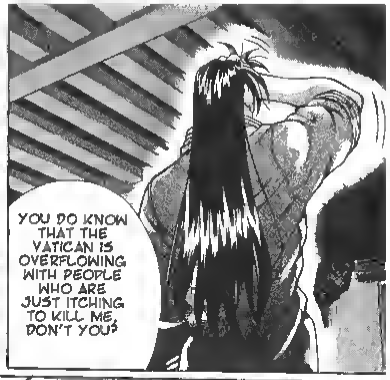
THE VATICAN...

WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU OKAY? YOU LOOK KINDA PALE
UH— NO! I'M FINE! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME


LOOK, LADY— DO YOU REALIZE THE IMPLICATIONS OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?


YOU DO KNOW THAT THE VATICAN IS OVERFLOWING WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST ITCHING TO KILL ME, DON'T YOU?

EVEN THE LITTLE BLONDE BACK THERE TAKES EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO WHACK ME ON THE BACK O' THE HEAD.
...AND YOU EXPECT ME TO WALK STRAIGHT INTO A SWARM OF HER PEOPLE AND SAY "COULD ONE OF YOU PLEASE TEACH ME THE POWER OF LIGHT?"

WELL, IF THAT'S YOUR CONCERN, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY. I'LL SEND A LETTER TO THE VATICAN.

IN RETURN, I'LL ASK A FAVOR OF YOU.
WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE RETT AND BERYUN WITH YOU?
THEY ARE TEMPLE YOUNG SUNG'S BEST FIGHTERS, AND I KNOW THEY'LL BE OF GREAT HELP TO YOU.
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NOW IT'S GETTING LATE. PLEASE GO AND REST FOR THE NIGHT.

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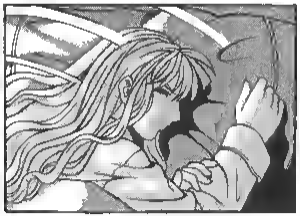

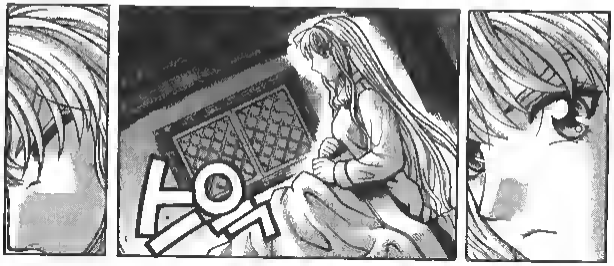

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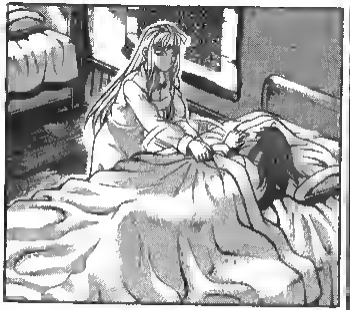

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FIRST, THE BATHHOUSE INCIDENT
—AND NOW YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO SNEAK INTO OUR ROOM?

HAHA...! YEAH...
...I HAVE TO ADMIT THIS DOES LOOK KINDA SUSPICIOUS

I'M JUST INSPECTING THE GROUNDS I DO IT EVERY NIGHT TO HELP MAINTAIN SAFETY IN THE TEMPLE!
THANKS TO MY SECRET LATE-NIGHT PATROLS, THIS TEMPLE HAS NOT BEEN ROBBED FOR THE LAST 140 YEARS!
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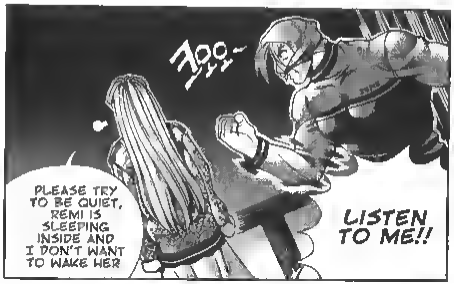
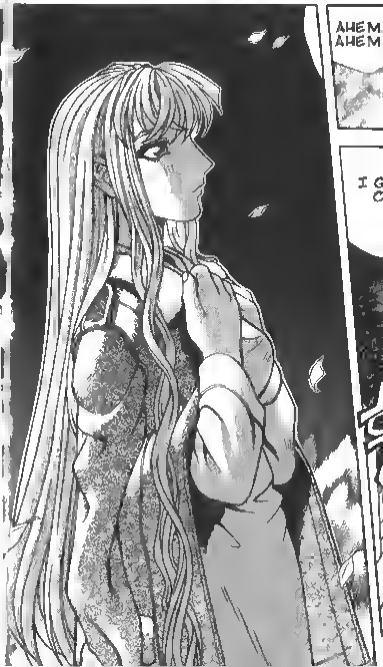
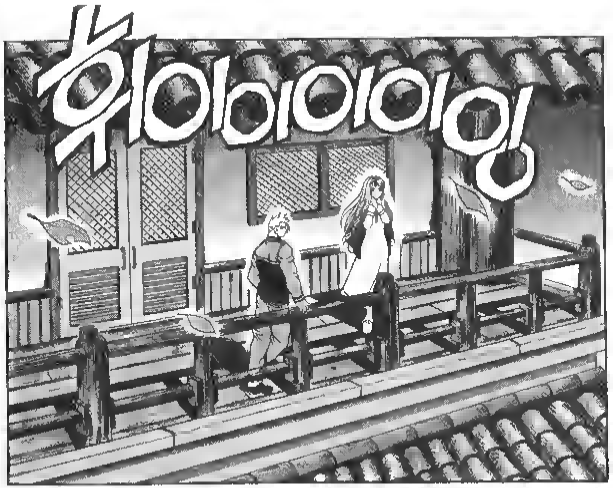

PLEASE TRY TO BE QUIET, REMI IS SLEEPING INSIDE AND I DON'T WANT TO WAKE HER
LISTEN TO ME!!



AHEM.. AHEM..

I GUESS YOU COULDN'T SLEEP...
I'M GETTING A LITTLE TIRED, SO HOW ABOUT I TAKE A BREAK, AND WE TALK FOR A BIT?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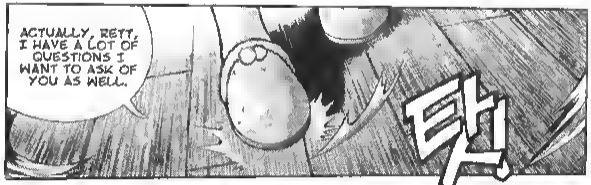
I DON'T HAVE 100% CONFIDENCE IN WHAT MASTER TAE SAID, BUT

I'M SO CONFUSED... THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND
HOW AM I TO BELIEVE THAT A VAMPIRE, WHOM I HAVE KNOWN TO ONLY BRING HARM TO HUMANS, MIGHT BE THE ONE TO SAVE HUMANITY. I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK ANYMORE...


ACTUALLY, RETT, I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS I WANT TO ASK OF YOU AS WELL..
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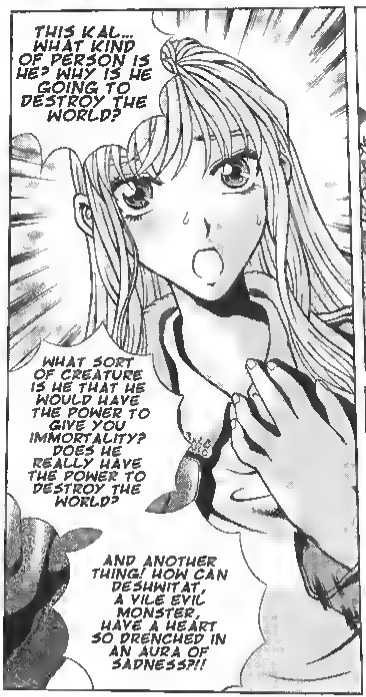
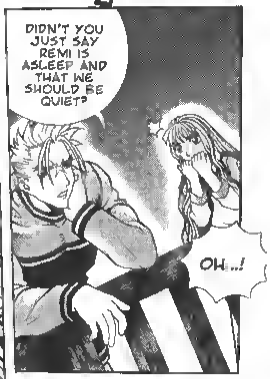

THIS KAL... WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE? WHY IS HE GOING TO DESTROY THE WORLD?
WHAT SORT OF CREATURE IS HE THAT HE WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO GIVE YOU IMMORTALITY? DOES HE REALLY HAVE THE POWER TO DESTROY THE WORLD?
AND ANOTHER THING! HOW CAN DESHWITAT, A VILE EVIL MONSTER, HAVE A HEART SO DRENCHED IN AN AURA OF SADNESS?!!


DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY REMI IS ASLEEP AND THAT WE SHOULD BE QUIET?
OH..!

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YOU'RE QUITE A CURIOUS YOUNG LADY
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST THE QUIET TYPE, BUT YOU ASK SO MANY QUESTIONS!
WELL, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
IT'S NATURAL THAT YOU'D BE CONFUSED, CONSIDERING THE SITUATION WE'RE IN
BUT LET ME SAY... THESE PAST 400 YEARS, AS I SCUTTLED AROUND LIKE A COCKROACH..
..I LEARNED THAT LIFE ISN'T LIKE A MATH PROBLEM THERE ARE NO ABSOLUTE ANSWERS.
WHO IS KAL, AND WHAT HAPPENED TO DESHWITAT AND MYSELF IN THE PAST? THOSE QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED EASILY
BUT WILL THOSE ANSWERS COMPLETELY SATISFY YOUR CURIOSITY?

ANOTHER THING.. HOW WELL WILL I BE ABLE TO OBJECTIVELY CONVEY THE "TRUTH" TO YOU? WHO KNOWS?
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU CAN'T TELL ME ANYTHING
.....
I'M GONNA ASK YOU FOR ONE SIMPLE FAVOR
CAN YOU BE PATIENT FOR JUST A LITTLE LONGER AND TRUST DESH?

AND IF THE "TRUTH" YOU FIND AFTER REALLY SEEING HIM WITH YOUR OWN EYES IS DIFFERENT FROM DESH'S "TRUTH"...
...THEN YOU CAN TRY TO KILL HIM WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT. I WON'T STOP YOU

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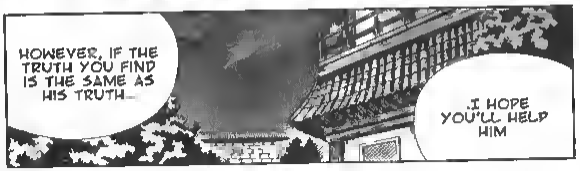
HOWEVER, IF THE TRUTH YOU FIND IS THE SAME AS HIS TRUTH...
I HOPE YOU'LL HELP HIM

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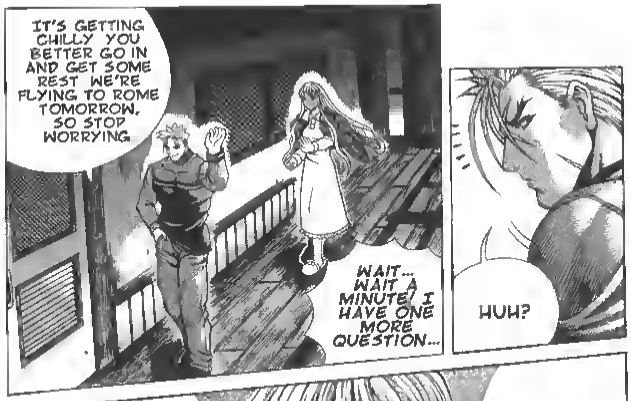
OH, AND ONE MORE THING!

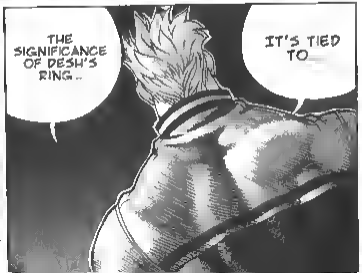
I'VE NOTICED THAT "CLERGY-MEN" LIKE YOU...
LIKE TO VIEW THE WORLD AS SOMETHING POLARIZED.

"GOOD" AND "EVIL."
"BLACK" AND "WHITE."
THEY LIVE THEIR WHOLE LIFE LIKE THAT AND WHEN THEY FINALLY ENCOUNTER SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE CATEGORIZED, THEY BECOME CONFUSED...
CONFUSED LIKE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW, MILLENEAR
.....
I'VE NO DOUBT YOU ALREADY KNOW.
...SO WHY NOT JUST ACKNOWLEDGE IT?

THIS WORLD ISN'T BLACK OR WHITE.
JUST GRAY...
ONCE YOU'VE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, YOU'LL FEEL A LOT BETTER


IT'S GETTING CHILLY YOU BETTER GO IN AND GET SOME REST WE'RE FLYING TO ROME TOMORROW, SO STOP WORRYING.
WAIT... WAIT A MINUTE! I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION...
HUH?

THE RING THAT DESHWITAT WEARS... HE BECAME VERY ANGRY WHEN HE NOTICED THAT THE COLOR WAS RED, AND YOU WERE STARTLED AS WELL.
THAT RING... IS THERE SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT ABOUT IT?


THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DESH'S RING...
IT'S TIED TO...

...PAINFUL MEMORIES... I THINK...

NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME. GOOD NIGHT !!
AH... WAIT... WHAT DOES THAT...?!

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A WORLD OF GRAY... AND...

...UNHAPPY MEMORIES?
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Vatican City,
Rome, Italy

AHHHHH!! MIGHTY ROME!! SO MANY PEOPLE, AND SO MANY OF THEM ARE BEAUTIFUL WOMEN! ARUUUUGA!!
UGH, JUST DON'T DO ANYTHING PERVERTED AND EMBARRASS US, BREASTMASTER
SHUSH! IT'S IMPOLITE TO BUTT INTO AN ADULT'S CONVERSATION, LITTLE MISS!
WAIT A SECOND..
IS IT ME, OR IS EVERYONE STARING AT US?
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU, MR BREAST!!

ASIDE FROM BEING SUCH A HUGE LUNK AND HAVING A SUSPICIOUSLY CRIMINAL FACE...
COULD YOU MAYBE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT HIDEOUSLY OBVIOUS SWORD?
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH IT? IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN HIDE IT IN MY POCKET

UGH! FORGET IT! I'LL JUST STAND FAR AWAY FROM YOU
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT STANDING NEXT TO A SNOT-NOSED BRAT ISN'T DOING MUCH FOR MY IMAGE, ANYWAY!

REMI IS ACTUALLY QUITE A BRIGHT AND STRONG YOUNG GIRL
SNORT!
ANYHOW... DO YOU TWO LADIES AND DESH ALWAYS MEET UP LIKE THIS?

YES...
BUT, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT DESHWITAT IS UP TO WHEN HE'S NOT WITH US
I THINK DESHWITAT KNOWS THAT WE CONSIDER HIM AN ENEMY I'M SURE HE ISN'T TOO THRILLED ABOUT HAVING TO TRAVEL WITH US

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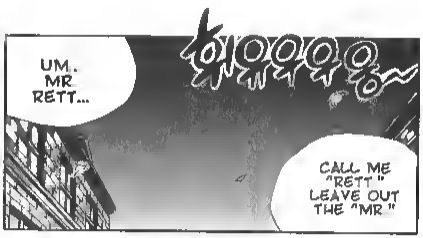
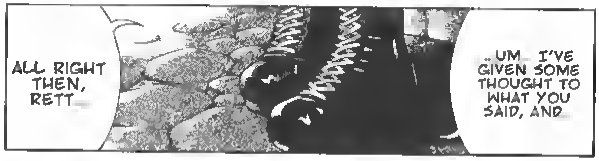

UM. MR RETT...
CALL ME "RETT" LEAVE OUT THE "MR"


ALL RIGHT THEN, RETT...
..UM... I'VE GIVEN SOME THOUGHT TO WHAT YOU SAID, AND...

..WELL, I'VE DECIDED THAT I'LL TRY NOT TO LOOK AT DESHWITAT WITH PREJUDICE JUST BECAUSE HE'S A VAMPIRE
AT LEAST NOT UNTIL I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FORMULATE MY OWN "TRUTH"
SMART GIRL.
I GUESS MY WORDS DIDN'T FALL ON DEAF EARS! HEHEH

HOWEVER, PLEASE KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM REMI.
TO REMI, DESHNITAT IS SIMPY HER FATHER'S KILLER... I DON'T THINK SHE WOULD UNDERSTAND
OKAY...
AH!!
HEY YOU!!
YOU DARK AND BROODING FAILURE OF A MAN!
WHAT'S GOING ON, REMI?
LOOK OVER THERE! THAT JERK DESHNITAT IS JUST WANDE..ING AROUND WHILE WE'RE ALL WAITING FOR HIM!
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
I BETTER GO DRAG THAT FOOL OVER HERE
HEY, YOU IDIOT!! OVER HERE!
WAIT FO... ME!
LET'S FOLLOW THEM, BERYUN...
THOSE GUYS HAVE A LOT OF STUFF
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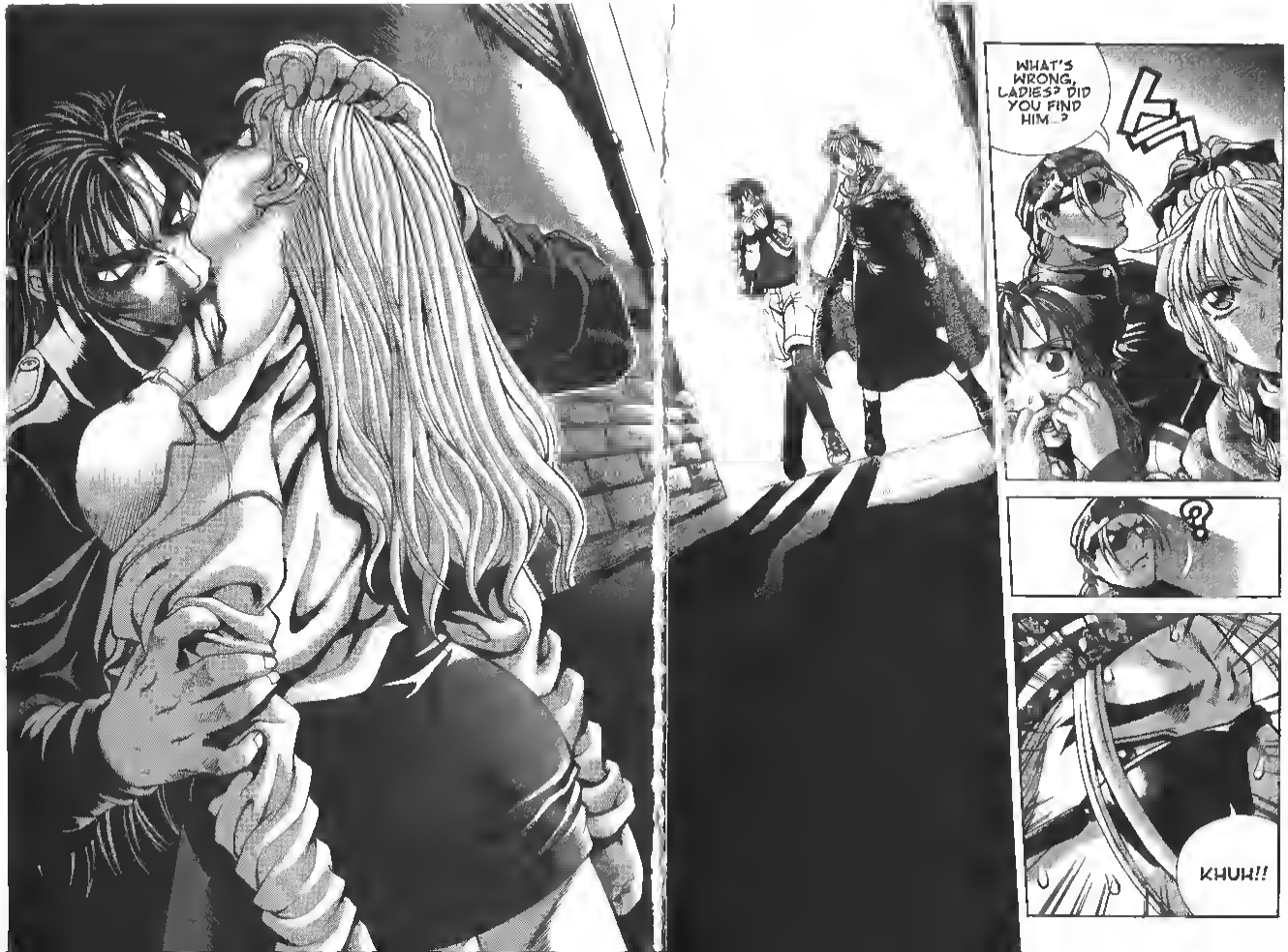
HEY MORON! MONSTER!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
THAT'S STRANGE... I KNOW I SAW HIM COME DOWN THIS ALLEY


WHAT'S WRONG, LADIES? DID YOU FIND HIM...?
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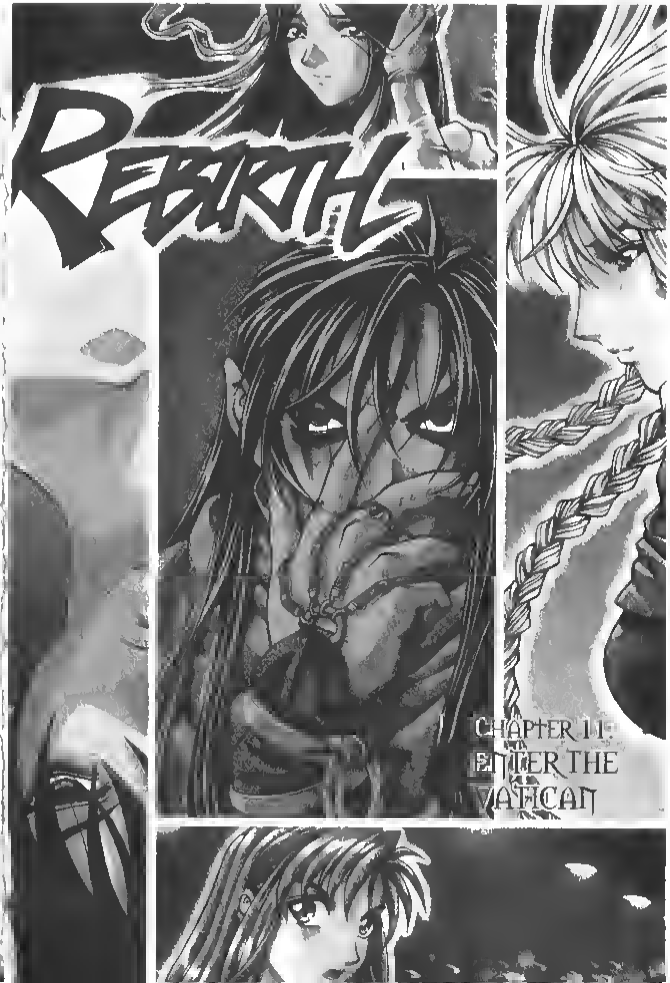
YOU.. IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT
YOU!!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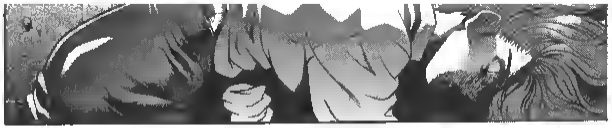

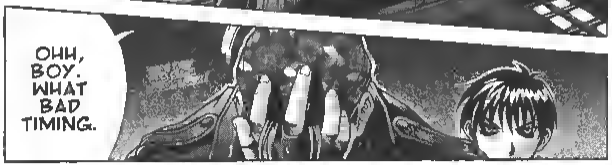
OHH, BOY. WHAT BAD TIMING.

DESH WI.. TAT
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YOU.. HOW COULD YOU.
..TAKE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER INNOCENT PERSON?

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HERE!
KEEP IT SAFE
HERE'S ANOTHER HUMAN FOR YOU TO RESURRECT, ONCE I'M DEAD

IS... IS THAT IT...
...DESHWITAT?
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY?
WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT? SHOULD I PERFORM A RITE TO GIVE HER A PEACEFUL JOURNEY TO ETERNITY?
RETT... I'M SORRY...
...BUT I'M AFRAID...

..I WILL HAVE TO USE MY POWERS TO DESTROY DESHWITAT.
THERE WILL BE NO MORE VICTIMS!!
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UM MILLENEAR...
HEY, MILLENEAR I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL AND ALL, BUT...

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PRAISE BE TO YAHWEH! I PRAY THAT YOU HEAR MY MOST EARNEST REQUEST!
LORD, YOU ARE MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD. MY HEART RELIES ON YOU AND BEGS YOUR ASSISTANCE!!
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BERYUN?!
BERYUN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

FOLLOWING THE ORDERS I RECEIVED FROM MASTER TAE. MY FIRST PRIORITY IS TO PROTECT DESHWITAT AT ALL COSTS.
I WILL STRIKE DOWN ANYONE WHO ENDANGERS DESHWITAT'S LIFE.

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THEN, YOU ARE MY ENEMY AS WELL, BERYUN...
JEEZ!! WHAT IS GOING ON?!

DESHWITAT!!

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COME ON NOW!
HOLD ON FOR A MINUTE MILLENEAR!
LET GO, RETT!
YOU'RE ON DESHWITAT'S SIDE TOO, AREN'T YOU? YOU'RE MY ENEMY AS WELL!!

LOOK, CALM DOWN, MILLENEAR, AND LISTEN TO...

LET HER GO, RETT!!

HUH?

I SAID LET HER GO RETT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU
LOOK, DESH THAT'S JUST YOUR TEMPER TALKING, SO GIVE IT UP
WE'RE ALL FRIENDS HERE AND FRIENDS DON'T FIGHT, RIGHT?
SHE'S THE ONE WHO STARTED IT SO, WHATEVER HAPPENS I'M SURE YOU WON'T DISAPPROVE.
LET'S SEE YOU PUT ALL THAT SELF-RIGHTEOUS NONSENSE OF YOURS INTO ACTION!
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THE SAME GOES FOR YOU ARTIFICIAL PRIESTESS HOW DARE YOU BE SO PRESUMPTUOUS AS TO PROTECT ME?!
TAKE MY LIFE IF YOU CAN, MILLENEAR SHEPHILD!
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HEY, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
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MILLENEAR!!
STAND ASIDE, REMI.
I WON'T LET YOU HURT DESHWITAT!!
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DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STAY OUT OF THIS?!
I LIKE YOUR SPIRIT, SO I'LL PROMISE TO LET YOU LIVE FOR AT LEAST ONE MINUTE, MILLENEAR.
I DON'T CARE DESHWITAT! I MAY DIE BY YOUR HANDS BUT I CAN NO LONGER ALLOW MYSELF TO SIT BY AND WATCH ANOTHER INNOCENT BE VICTIMIZED!

I WILL USE ALL MY POWER TO END YOUR EVIL!!
God grant me power
HOLY
...
...
BLAST!!

IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?
IF THIS IS ALL YOUR POWER, THEN I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED

My powers can't even make a dent in the black aura that surrounds Deshwitat
UUH!!!

I have no other choice I must let down my shield
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gather all my powers in one hand and strike, hoping to cause the most damage I can
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I can feel it in my hand. This time, my attack was successful!
No... It can't be!! I had no effect at all?!

All right If one attack's not enough, then I'll attack continuously!
I am a priestess of Light There's no way he'll be able to withstand me..
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YEEAAA!!

UUUH!!

MILLENEAR?!
GROOOAN...

COUGH COUGH

I.. I can't lose.. Not yet..!!

NO... I CAN...STILL... FIGHT.
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OH REALLY?
NO... I CAN STILL FIGHT...
OH REALLY?
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UHHH...
YOUR... YOUR KIND... THIS...

AAAAHH!!
STOP IT, YOU BASTARD!
YOU'RE AN ANIMAL! ARE YOU SO DESPERATE TO SHOW OFF YOUR STRENGTH THAT YOU'D KILL A GIRL, YOU MONSTER?!

SHE'S RIGHT, DESH. THAT'S ENOUGH!
I WON'T STAND BY AND LET THIS CONTINUE.
YOU HUMANS IT'S YOUR HYPOCRISY THAT I REALLY CAN'T STOMACH
SO WHAT? I'M SHOWING OFF BY FIGHTING A GIRL, AM I? LET ME MAKE A REQUEST - DON'T REVERT TO THE DAMSEL-IN-DISTRESS NEXT TIME IT'S CONVENIENT
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TO ME, YOU HUMANS ARE ALL THE SAME, WHETHER YOU'RE A MAN OR A WOMAN.
AND IF YOU ATTACK ME, THEN YOU'RE FAIR GAME! SO DON'T GIVE ME ANY CRAP FOR SOMETHING THAT YOU STARTED!

WHA.. WHAT?

AND YOU!
AH...!!

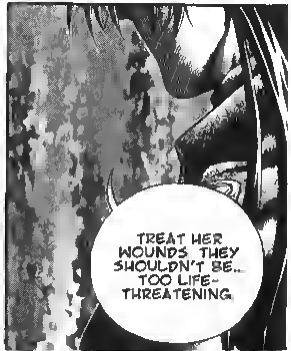
IF YOU SEE A TIGER EATING A RABBIT OR A DEER, DO YOU THINK THE TIGER IS "CRUEL" OR "EVIL"?

A TIGER EATING A WEAKER BEAST IS A LAW OF NATURE THAT CONFIRMS THE CIRCLE OF LIFE. BUT FOR ME, DRINKING THE BLOOD OF HUMANS IS A CRUEL AND EVIL ACT...
HOW LONG WILL YOU HIDE BEHIND THIS IGNORANCE AND NARROW-MINDEDNESS?
LISTEN CAREFULLY! JUST AS THE CARNIVORES ARE THE NATURAL ENEMIES OF THE HERBIVORES, VAMPIRES ARE THE "NATURAL ENEMIES" OF HUMANS
THE TIGER LIVES TO SEE THE TOMORROW THAT THE DEER WILL NOT. I LIVE TO SEE THE TOMORROW THAT MY VICTIM WILL NOT. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

I NEVER WANT TO HEAR THAT HUMAN-CENTRIC GIBBERISH AGAIN!
AH!!

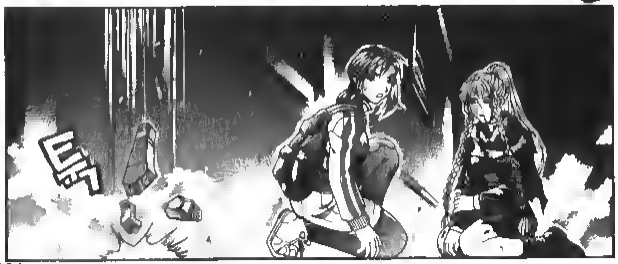
AND NOW YOU'VE PUT ME IN A FOUL MOOD. THIS BUSINESS WITH THE POWER OF LIGHT CAN WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW

YOUR NAME'S REMI, RIGHT, KID?


TREAT HER WOUNDS. THEY SHOULDN'T BE... TOO LIFE-THREATENING.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE JUST SAID THAT.

CHHHT!!



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WHO'S THERE?
IT'S ME, BISCONTINE, SIR. THERE'S NEW INFORMATION REGARDING DESHWITAT.
COME IN.
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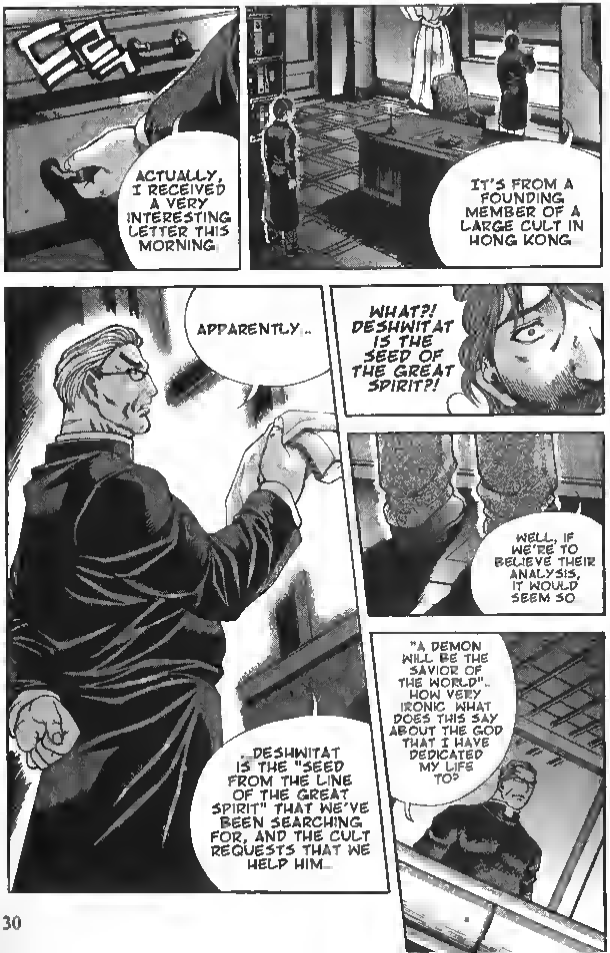
GREETINGS, BISHOP BERNARD
GIVE ME YOUR REPORT
AH... YES, OF COURSE, BISHOP DESHWITAT ARRIVED IN ROME TODAY..
WITH TWO SPIRITUALISTS FROM HONG KONG, A YOUNG ASIAN GIRL AND MILLENEAR
MILLENEAR?
MILLENEAR SHEPHILD? THE ONE WHO SULLIED MY NAME 3 YEARS AGO, GOT EXCOMMUNICATED, AND NOW TRAVELS THE WORLD PERFORMING UNAUTHORIZED EXORCISMS?
YES, SIR
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT SO THE LITTLE HEATHEN IS NOW BRINGING US A VAMPIRE?

YES, SIR.. BUT IT GETS COMPLICATED AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVED, DESHWITAT AND MILLENEAR HAD A FIGHT
THE RESULT OF THE BATTLE IS ALSO A BIT ODD. MILLENEAR BORE THE BRUNT OF THE DAMAGE, AND IS NOW BEING TREATED IN HER HOTEL.
HMMM... IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?
NOTHING ELSE, SIR. AND AS FOR DESHWITAT, WE HAVE SOME STAFF MEMBERS CURRENTLY TAKING HIM..
MILLENEAR IS STILL RECOVERING AT THE HOTEL, SO, THERE HAVE BEEN NO MOVEMENTS, AS OF YET
HMM...
CURIOUS.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ACTUALLY, I RECEIVED A VERY INTERESTING LETTER THIS MORNING.
IT'S FROM A FOUNDING MEMBER OF A LARGE CULT IN HONG KONG.
APPARENTLY..
WHAT?! DESHWITAT IS THE SEED OF THE GREAT SPIRIT?!
WELL, IF WE'RE TO BELIEVE THEIR ANALYSIS, IT WOULD SEEM SO.
"A DEMON WILL BE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD"... HOW VERY IRONIC. WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT THE GOD THAT I HAVE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO?
..DESHWITAT IS THE "SEED FROM THE LINE OF THE GREAT SPIRIT" THAT WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR, AND THE CULT REQUESTS THAT WE HELP HIM...

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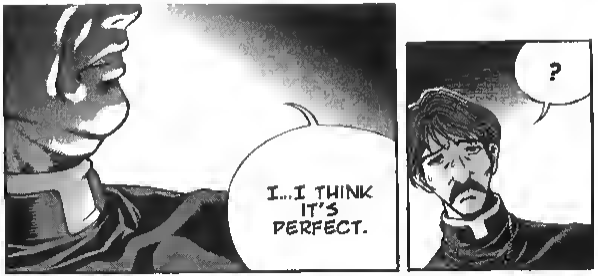
ANY THOUGHTS, BISCONTINE?
HUH? ANY THOUGHTS ON WHAT, SIR?
ON THE WORLD..
IT HAS DEGENERATED INTO A HAVEN FOR THE WICKED AND FAITHLESS HORDES


I...I THINK IT'S PERFECT.
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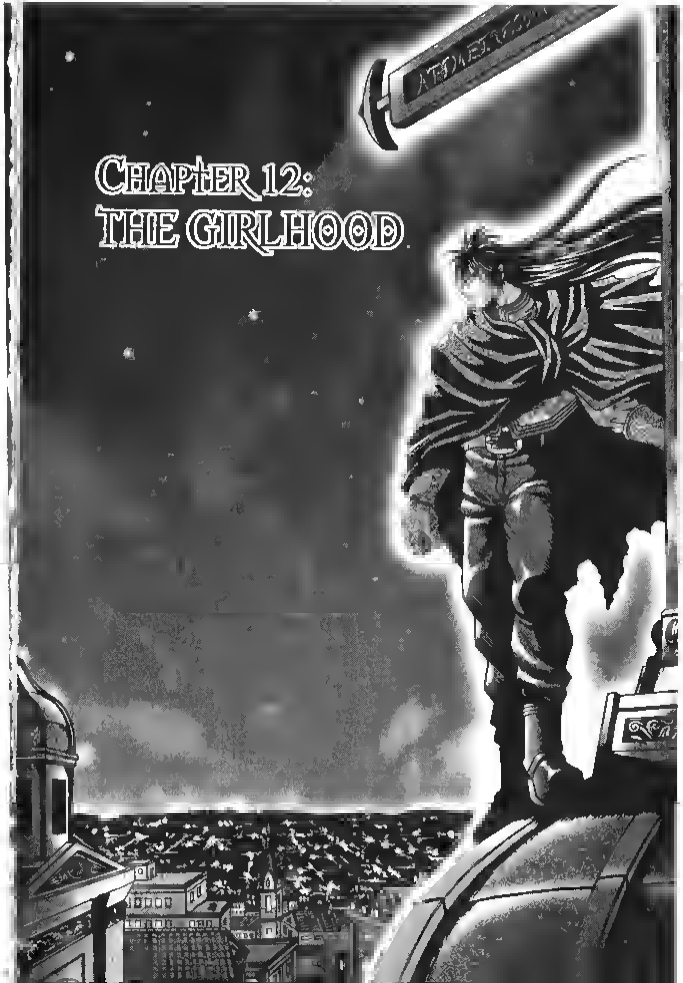
IF THAT IS THE WILL OF MY GOD...
DESTROYING THE WORLD IS SIMPLY ANOTHER FORM OF PURIFICATION.


CHAPTER 12:
THE GIRLHOOD

THAT SHOULD DO FOR NOW
DO YOU REALLY THINK... THAT SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT?
TRUST ME! I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I HAVE A DEGREE IN MEDICINE
I KNOW SHE LOOKS PRETTY BAD...BUT DESH WAS RIGHT. SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY SERIOUS INJURIES
I DON'T WANNA HEAR ABOUT THAT JERK!!

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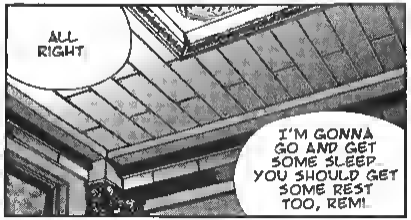
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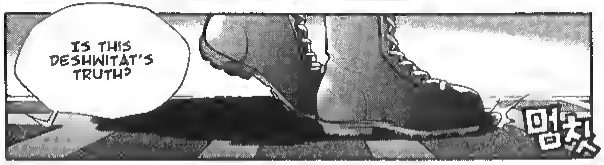
I'M GONNA GO AND GET SOME SLEEP YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST TOO, REM!


IS THIS DESHWITAT'S TRUTH?
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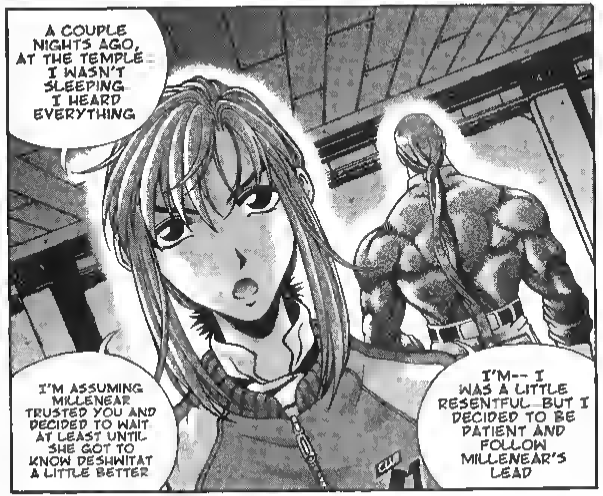
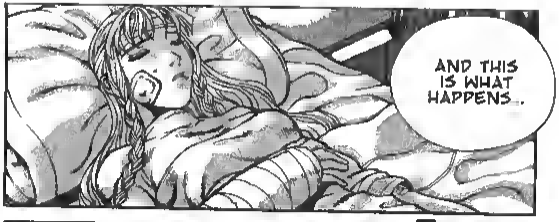

A COUPLE NIGHTS AGO, AT THE TEMPLE I WASN'T SLEEPING I HEARD EVERYTHING
I'M ASSUMING MILLENEAR TRUSTED YOU AND DECIDED TO WAIT AT LEAST UNTIL SHE GOT TO KNOW DESHWITAT A LITTLE BETTER
I'M-- I WAS A LITTLE RESENTFUL--BUT I DECIDED TO BE PATIENT AND FOLLOW MILLENEAR'S LEAD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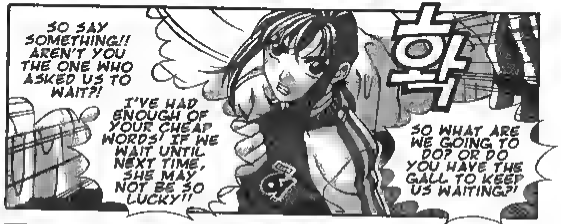
SO SAY SOMETHING!! AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO ASKED US TO WAIT?!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR CHEAP WORDS! IF WE WAIT UNTIL NEXT TIME, SHE MAY NOT BE SO LUCKY!!
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SO WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? OR DO YOU HAVE THE GALL TO KEEP US WAITING?!

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GOOD NIGHT.

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THOSE GIRLS... WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER TO JUST GET RID OF THEM?
THEY ARE A THREAT TO DESHWITAT THEY CONSIDER DESHWITAT THEIR ENEMY
I ADMIT, THEY AREN'T A HUGE THREAT, BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO DELIBERATELY SURROUND OURSELVES WITH ENEMIES, DON'T YOU AGREE?

WELL, YEAH BUT IS THAT REALLY WHAT YOU THINK, BERYUN? OR ARE THOSE JUST MASTER TAE'S ORDERS?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT I THINK, SO LONG AS I'M FAITHFUL TO MY DUTY..
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UGH... YOU'RE SUCH A FRUSTRATING WOMAN!!
THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS IN THIS WORLD MORE INTERESTING THAN GRANNY'S ORDERS, FOR EXAMPLE..
..THINGS LIKE THIS
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HONEEEEY? IT'S BEEN OVER 3 YEARS SINCE WE'VE TEAMED UP, RIGHT?!
SOOOO.. LET'S HAVE SOME FUN AND ENJOY LIFE TOGETHER! HOOHOOHOOHOO!
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I DON'T HAVE A LIFE TO ENJOY.
MASTER TAE'S COMMANDS...AND THE FEELING OF AN OPPONENT BREAKING DURING BATTLE. THESE ARE THE ONLY THINGS THAT MAKE ME FEEL ALIVE...
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JEEZ, JUST FORGET IT ALL RIGHT WHAT WAS I THINKING?
WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER ALL THESE YEARS AND I HAVE YET TO SEE A SMILE ON YOUR FACE. YOU'RE MADE OF STONE. YOU'RE A ROCK.
GOOD NIGHT!!
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DESHAITAT...
..MILLENEAR
..REMI..
..RERYUN..
AND MYSELF..
OUR TEAM... LEAVES A LOT TO BE DESIRED
WITH A MOTLEY CREW LIKE THIS, WE'LL BE LUCKY IF WE MAKE IT BACK ALIVE, MY FRIENDS...

WHAT, YOU STUPID WENCH?!
UNCLE...
I...I'M SORRY.
NOGARI

YAAAHH!!
BUT UNCLE IF YOU DRINK TOO MUCH IT'S BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH
DON'T YOU TALK BACK TO ME! IF I TELL YOU TO GO BUY SOME MORE BEER, YOU GO!
HOW DARE YOU TRY TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO!!
AH!
AAAAH!!
I'M SORRY UNCLE!! I'M SORRY!!

GAAA, BROTHER!!
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO CROAK AND LEAVE ME WITH THIS LITTLE BRAT?!
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HONEY!! WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE?!
OOF!
MILLENEAR!! WHY CAN'T YOU JUST LISTEN TO YOUR UNCLE AND RUN YOUR ERRANDS? WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO MAKE SUCH A FUSS?!
DO YOU REALIZE HOW HARD WE WORK TO TAKE CARE OF YOU? IF YOU CAN'T BRING HOME ANY MONEY, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS RUN SOME ERRANDS!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! GO BUY THE BEER!!
DADDY... WHY DID YOU DIE..?
WHY DID YOU LEAVE ME WITH THESE PEOPLE...?
WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE THEY?!
THEY DON'T DESERVE TO BE PARENTS!
NOT EVEN FAMILY!!
THEY'RE NOT EVEN PEOPLE!!!
YOU CAN'T CALL THAT A HOME! THAT'S NOT A HOME!!
THAT PLACE SHOULD JUST... IT SHOULD BE BURNT TO THE GROUND!!

HEY, THAT WAS AN EXPLOSION!!
THERE'S A FIRE! SOMEONE CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!!
No!!
I I didn't do that!!
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I didn't do that!! It wasn't me!!
Yeah, I couldn't possibly have done that...!
YO!
WELL LOOKIE HERE! WHAT A PRETTY LITTLE THING YOU ARE!
YOU'LL DO QUITE A BIT OF BUSINESS IN A COUPLE YEARS!
COME ON, BABY! I'M GONNA TEACH YOU HOW TO MAKE LOTS OF MONEY!
STOP IT LET GO!
QUIT YOUR FUSSING AND COME WITH ME! YOU'VE GOT NO PLACE TO GO ANYWAY, RIGHT?
NO! I DON'T WANT TO!!
YOU LITTLE!!
DAT
LET GO OF ME!!!

HHUH!!
SHE'S A...A MONSTER!!
It was... It was me...
I started the fire... I killed my aunt and uncle...
I killed them!!

YOU HAVE GREAT SPIRITUAL POWERS, CHILD...
I SEE... AND WHERE DO YOU LIVE, MILLENEAR?
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WHAT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?
.....
ANY RELATIVES?
NO...
OH DEAR, HOW TRAGIC ESPECIALLY AT YOUR YOUNG AGE...
WELL, HOW ABOUT IF YOU COME TO LIVE WITH ME, MILLENEAR?
I'LL TEACH YOU TO USE YOUR POWERS FOR GOOD... FOR OTHERS...
YOU'RE GOING TO CATCH A COLD... WANDERING ABOUT WITHOUT AN UMBRELLA
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, CHILD?
MILLENEAR... MILLENEAR SHEPHILD...
YOU'LL HAVE A HOME, YOU CAN GO TO SCHOOL AND HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS TO PLAY WITH. HOW ABOUT IT?
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AND THERE'S ONE MORE THING, MILLENEAR YOU NEED TO PROMISE ME SOMETHING
HUFF... YOU'VE MADE A WISE DECISION
I'M FATHER WILLIAMS IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU MILLENEAR
?
THE POWER YOU USED A MOMENT AGO... THAT IS CALLED THE "MELGIS FLAME" AND IT— WAIT, NO, NEVER MIND THAT... THE NAME'S NOT IMPORTANT. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT IT'S A REALLY BAD POWER. A DARK AND EVIL POWER..
CAN YOU PROMISE ME THAT YOU'LL NEVER USE THAT POWER AGAIN?
.....
WHAT DID YOU SAY? I COULDN'T HEAR YOU...
OKAY... I PROMISE I'LL NEVER USE IT AGAIN... I SWEAR TO GOD!

7 Years Later
KKHE!!
UUAAK!!
FATHERS!!

KYAKYA KYAKYA!! FOOLISH HUMANS! FOOLISH CHRISTIANS!!
EVEN IF A HUNDRED OF YOU ATTACK YOU STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO DESTROY ME!!
AH... AHH...
FATHER ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!!
UUUUHH HURRY AND ESCAPE MILLENEAR
THAT MONSTER IT'S AN EVIL SPIRIT WITH LIGHT MAGIC! NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE FIGHT IT ABSORBS OUR POWER AND GETS STRONGER..

FATHER!!

WOO!
BISHOP BERNARD!!!

THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE HERE! THINGS AREN'T GOING VERY WELL. THAT EVIL DEMON HAS LIGHT MAGIC AND...
HAVE EVERYONE RETREAT WE WILL ABANDON THIS EXORCISM

WHAT?!

KHARHARHAR-- THAT'S RIGHT, RUN AWAY! RUN AWAY!!
RUN AWAY WITH YOUR TAILS BETWEEN YOUR LEGS, YOU FOOLS! KYAKYAKYAKYAKYAKY AKYAKYAKYA!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN RETREAT?! WHAT ABOUT THAT GIRL?!
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO LET THAT EVIL CREATURE ROAM FREELY ABOUT THE EARTH?!
THE GIRL'S SITUATION IS UNFORTUNATE HOWEVER IF IT IS GOD'S WILL THERE IS NOTHING TO BE DONE.
WE'VE DONE THE BEST WE CAN DO. OUR ONLY OPTION IS TO ABANDON...
BUT, THAT'S...
...THAT'S...!!
DID YOU HEAR ME?! I SAID RETREAT, PRIESTESS MILLENEAR SHEPWILD!
HURRY UP AND EVACUATE THE BUILDING!

YES, SIR BISHOP...
KYAKYAKYAKY AKYAKYA!!
RETREAT!!
EVERYONE RETREAT!!

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HE-LP ME PLEA-SE..
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SAVE... ME...
PLEASE... DON'T LEAVE... ME...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MILLENEAR?! HURRY UP AND GET OUT! WE'RE GOING TO SHUT THIS WAREHOUSE DOWN!!

HELP... ME...
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MILLENEAR!!
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That's right... There's still one last alternative...
There's still a way for me to save that girl!!
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GO AHEAD AND FIRE!! GIVE ME MORE ENERGY! HAHAHA HAHAHA!!
TALK ALL YOU LIKE!
BUT THIS WILL BE THE END OF YOU, DEMON
MILLENEAR, NO, YOU CAN'T DIE!
FORGIVE ME, FATHER WILLIAMS... I MUST BREAK MY PROMISE, JUST THIS ONCE...
MELGIS
...
NOOOO!!

...
FLAME!!!

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YOU...YOU IDIOT!!
THANK YOU...
...FOR SAVING ME... I'M VERY... VERY... GRATEFUL...
YOU'RE OKAY NOW... IT'S ALL RIGHT...
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NUMBER 104. PALADIN MILLENEAR SHEPHILD PLEASE STEP FORWARD.
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PALADIN SHEPHILD. ON AUGUST 17 WHILE PERFORMING YOUR DUTIES AS AN EXORCIST, YOU COMMITTED A SIN BY CALLING UPON DEMONIC POWERS.
DUE TO THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT, YOUR HONOR AS WELL AS OUR CHURCH'S HONOR HAS BEEN SULLIED
DO YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THIS SIN BEFORE GOD?

I DO. HOWEVER, I ACTED TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A YOUNG GIRL. IT COULDN'T BE HELPED
PLEASE ONLY ANSWER THE QUESTIONS SET BEFORE YOU.
IN SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE EXORCIST'S GUIDELINES IT CLEARLY STATES, GIVE ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR SUPERIOR.
IN SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 3 IT STATES ALL POWERS NOT BESTOWED BY GOD ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN. DO YOU REMEMBER THESE LAWS?
YES, I REMEMBER.
HMMM...
AND YET YOU STILL INSOREVED BISHOP BERNARD AND USED THE FORBIDDEN MAGICS OF THE DEVIL? THIS IS OBVIOUSLY NOTHING LESS THAN HERESY!
HERESY?! DID YOU SAY I COMMITTED HERESY?
A PERSON'S LIFE WAS ON THE LINE! WHAT IS OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE? ISN'T IT TO HELP THOSE IN NEED?!
I ONLY DID WHAT I THOUGHT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. YES, I DID IGNORE A FEW RULES. BUT I SAVED A GIRL'S LIFE! HOW CAN YOU SAY I WAS WRONG?!
.....
REGARDLESS OF THE SITUATION, YOU BROKE MANY IMPORTANT LAWS.
THE JUDGES HAVE FOUND YOU TO BE A HERETIC AND HAVE RULED YOU TO BE A THREAT TO OUR ORDER.
THEREFORE, AS OF THIS MOMENT, YOU ARE STRIPPED OF YOUR TITLES MILLENEAR SHEPHILD.
IN ADDITION, YOU WILL FOREVER BE BANISHED FROM THE CHURCH, AND YOU WILL NO LONGER BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS AN EXORCIST.
AND ALLOW ME TO GIVE YOU SOME GRAND-FATHERLY ADVICE...
ANY UNLAWFUL EXORCISMS YOU PERFORM WILL BE A DISHONORING OF THE CHURCH. IF YOU PERFORM AN EXORCISM, YOU WILL BE EFFECTIVELY CONDEMNING THE CHURCH'S WORKS.
BUT THAT'S...
THAT'S...!!
HUHUHUHU HUHUH...!

DESHWITAT?!
WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE CRYING ?
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE KNEW THAT THOSE OLD FOOLS WERE ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL HONOR. THEY WERE BLINDED BY IT!
AHH... NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE, DESHWITAT. YES, THERE WERE THINGS THAT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, BUT...
...THEY ARE HEROIC MEN WHO DO GREAT DEEDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WORLD.
HAH! I GUESS I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D HAVE A HARD TIME ACCEPTING IT.
BECAUSE IF YOU ACCEPTED IT, THEN YOU'D BE JUST LIKE ME, A HATEFUL CREATURE OF DARKNESS.
BUT THE HARDER YOU TRY TO HIDE WHAT'S TRULY IN YOUR HEART, IT ONLY LEAVES YOU
...NO DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OLD FOOLS!
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WAIT DESHWITAT, WAIT! I WANT TO TALK
DESHWITAT...
DESH...

DESH DESHWITAT?
.....
OH- ARE YOU AWAKE? SORRY I GUESS I FELL ASLEEP

OW...!!
HEEEEEY!! MILLENEAR, DON'T MOVE! DON'T MOVE!
IF YOU NEED SOMETHING, JUST TELL ME I'LL GET IT FOR YOU!!
THANK YOU, REMI. HAVE YOU BEEN TAKING CARE OF ME?
IT WAS NOTHING. I WAS ASLEEP FOR MOST OF IT HEHEH
REMI... WAS DESHWITAT HERE BY ANY CHANCE?
HUH? NO, I DON'T THINK SO. WHY WOULD HE DARE SHOW HIS FACE HERE, ANYWAY?
AND WHY DO YOU ASK?
...IT'S NOTHING.
JUST FOR SOME REASON, I FELT LIKE HE HAD BEEN HERE
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I'M IN A VERY FOUL MOOD, SO IT WOULD BE WISE IF YOU LEFT ME ALONE
I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT WITH YOU, MR RUDBICH.
THE BISHOP REQUESTED THAT I RELAY A MESSAGE THAT HE BELIEVES WILL BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO YOU WOULD YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO GIVE ME A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME?

LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO REBIRTH VOLUME 4!!

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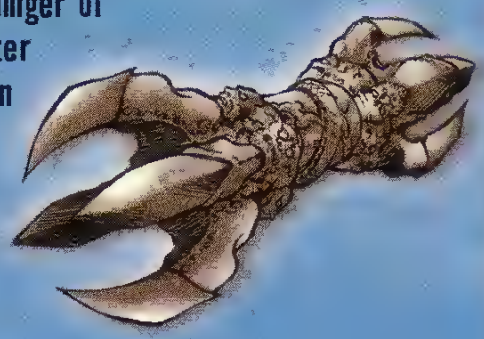

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